

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-78 were originally pending. Claims 1-76 and 78 were amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claim 77 was canceled without prejudice. No claims were added or withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-76 and 78 are currently pending.

Applicant appreciated the opportunity to discuss this case in-person with the Office on January 13, 2006. For at least those reasons discussed and agreed up during the interview, the claimed features are patentably distinguished over the cited art.

Withdrawal of all outstanding rejections to pending claims 1-34 is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

The amendments to the claims represent amendments discussed and agreed upon during the January 13, 2006 interview. The claim amendments do not add any new matter and are fully supported in the specification. More particularly, the amendments are directed to pointing out the automated nature of the claimed features. With respect to claims directed to computer-readable media, Applicant respectfully submits that claimed features implemented by computer-program instructions executable by a processor for performing the features already illustrate the automated nature of the claimed features.

1 Conclusion

2 This application is in condition for allowance. Should any issue remain
3 that prevents allowance of the application, the Office is encouraged to contact the
4 undersigned prior or issuance of a subsequent Office action.

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6 Respectfully Submitted,

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